

### REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006. Claims 1 through 11, 16 and 17 have been amended. Claims 12 through 14 and 19 through 22 were previously cancelled. The application now includes claims 1 through 11 and 15 through 18, with claims 1, 15 and 16 being independent claims. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected independent claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner stated that lines 4 and 5 of the claim, which recite, “supporting structure having an outer threaded portion formed integrally therewith and extending therefrom”, is not described in the specification. The Examiner further stated that lines 6 and 7 of the claim, which recite, “an inner supporting structure that has a threaded inner portion formed integrally therewith and extending therefrom”, is not described in the specification.

Independent claim 15 is intended to recite the mounting device (60) illustrated in Fig. 5. As shown in Fig. 5, the mounting device (60) includes an inner mount (64) and an outer mount (65). The inner mount (64) has a cylindrical portion (66) that extends therefrom. Similarly, the outer mount (65) also has a cylindrical portion (67) that extends therefrom. Applicants have amended paragraph no. [033] of the specification to clearly describe the structure shown in Fig. 5 and recited in claim 15. Because the structure is shown in Fig. 5, the amendment of paragraph no. [033] does not introduce any new matter. Paragraph no. [034] states that, in the preferred embodiment, the extended portions 66 and 67 of the inner and outer mounts 64 and 65 are threaded. With the amendment of paragraph no. [033], applicant believes that the structure recited in independent claim 15 is now adequately described in the specification and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of the claim.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also rejected claims 1 through 11 and 16 through 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,669,232

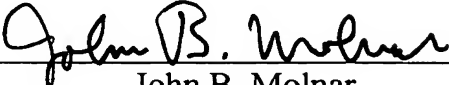
to Iwamoto et al. The Examiner stated that the Iwamoto et al. reference discloses all of the elements recited in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the Iwamoto et al. reference teaches an outer supporting structure formed from a non-resilient material (5).

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 16 to recite a one piece outer supporting bracket formed from a non-resilient material that is adapted to be attached to a vehicle. As described in column 5, lines 46 through 52 of the Iwamoto et al. reference, the reference discloses a refrigerator 1 comprising an adiabatic box 3 formed by inserting an inner casing 10 at a fixed interval inside an outer casing 5. Applicants believes that an outer casing of an adiabatic box for a refrigerator is structurally different from a supporting bracket, as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 16. Indeed, nothing in the Iwamoto et al. reference shows or suggests a supporting bracket. Accordingly, applicants believe that amended independent claims 1 and 16 are patentable over the art of record and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of the claims.

Applicants also have amended dependent claims 2 through 11 to be consistent with amended independent claim 1. Similarly, applicants have amended claim 17 to be consistent with amended independent claim 16. Claims 2 through 11 are dependent upon amended independent claim 1 and include all of the limitations recited therein while claims 17 and 18 are dependent upon amended independent claim 16 and include all of the limitations recited therein. Accordingly, for the reason given above, applicants also believe that claims 2 through 11, 17 and 18 also are patentable over the art of record and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of the claims.

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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